

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition for nasal administration, comprising:

zolpidem, ~~a pro-drug thereof~~, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or a combination thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable nasal carrier in liquid form, wherein said composition is under pressure in a pressurized container or is contained in a non-pressurized container and said composition is such that it is released in the form of an aerosol or spray during said nasal administration.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the composition is a solution of a 2:1 zolpidem/tartrate salt ~~in a least~~ in at least one liquid medium selected from the group consisting of sterile purified water USP, sterile water for inhalation USP, saline, isotonic saline, and combinations thereof.

Claim 3. (Previously Presented) The composition according to Claim 1, further comprising at least one pH buffer.

Claim 4. (Previously Presented) The composition according to Claim 1, further comprising at least one penetrating agent.

Claim 5. (Previously Presented) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the zolpidem is present in an amount ranging from 0.001 mg to about 250 mg.

Claims 6-10. (Canceled)

Claim 11. (Previously Presented) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the drug unit volume of active agent ranges from 0.001 ml to 4 ml.

Claim 12. (Previously Presented) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the weight/weight loading of active agent ranges from 0.01 % to 95 % by weight based on the total weight of the composition.

Claim 13. (Previously Presented) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the composition is in the form of a solution, an emulsion, a microemulsion, a nanoemulsion, a dispersion, a suspension, an elixir, drops, sprays, aerosols, syrups, gels or ointments.

Claim 14. (Previously Presented) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the composition is buffered to a pH of 3 to 10.

Claim 15. (New) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition is under pressure in a pressurized container.

Claim 16. (New) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition is in a non-pressurized container.